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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

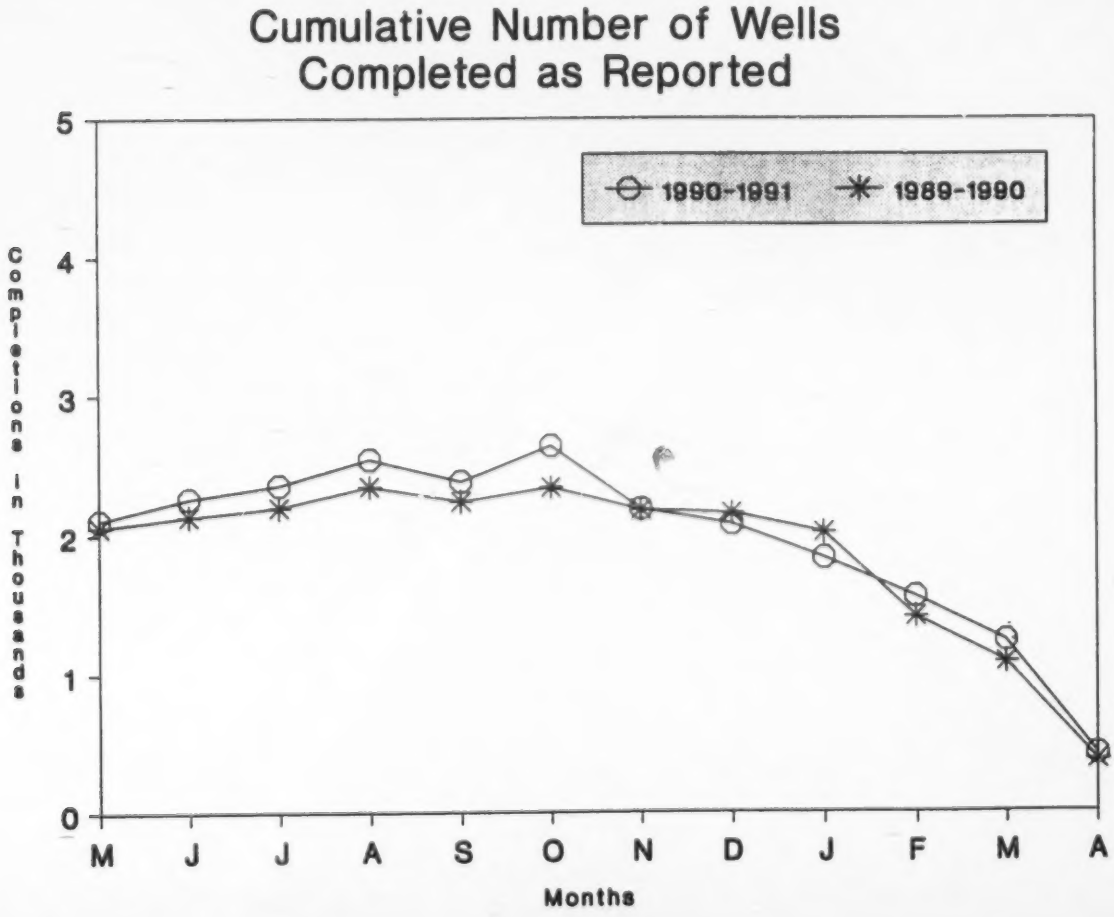

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 26, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	2,241	12,543,201	1,255	6,876,419	1,552	8,922,557	5,048	28,342,177	5,141	28,671,429
1991: APR	158	1,019,707	40	225,527	218	1,210,128	416	2,455,362	424	2,483,244
MAR	560	3,146,829	276	1,679,678	403	2,304,781	1,239	7,131,288	1,252	7,203,780
FEB	700	3,921,203	403	2,321,841	455	2,616,720	1,558	8,859,764	1,587	8,958,973
JAN	823	4,455,462	536	2,649,373	476	2,790,928	1,835	9,895,763	1,878	10,025,432
TOTAL 1990	10,504	49,053,738	8,888	45,886,733	7,525	40,099,105	26,917	135,039,576	27,515	136,884,999
1990: DEC	789	4,317,065	676	3,497,348	610	3,328,428	2,075	11,142,841	2,119	11,295,763
NOV	856	4,071,811	628	3,239,977	698	3,342,041	2,182	10,653,829	2,223	10,818,928
OCT	1,013	4,645,425	906	4,399,456	719	3,756,116	2,638	12,800,997	2,670	12,911,679
SEP	929	4,102,655	808	4,010,610	644	3,469,485	2,381	11,582,750	2,418	11,689,014
AUG	995	4,317,632	876	4,033,685	670	3,326,340	2,541	11,677,657	2,585	11,801,743
JUL	871	3,918,271	829	4,065,124	655	3,398,428	2,355	11,381,823	2,403	11,518,209
JUN	846	3,865,148	773	3,735,082	640	3,397,284	2,259	10,997,514	2,328	11,184,775
MAY	810	3,952,742	712	3,670,838	582	3,124,878	2,104	10,748,458	2,167	10,899,172
APR	795	3,684,434	592	3,256,023	574	3,285,543	1,961	10,226,000	2,013	10,368,491
MAR	832	3,937,405	625	3,654,102	544	2,913,662	2,001	10,505,169	2,055	10,680,835
FEB	808	3,693,560	667	3,862,996	505	2,875,775	1,980	10,432,331	2,027	10,601,213
JAN	960	4,547,590	796	4,461,492	684	3,881,125	2,440	12,890,207	2,507	13,115,177
TOTAL 1989	10,068	42,362,955	8,807	45,746,519	8,157	41,791,612	27,032	129,901,086	27,666	132,063,896
1989: DEC	921	3,998,949	792	4,455,660	737	3,988,133	2,450	12,442,742	2,499	12,594,727
NOV	911	3,832,055	808	4,241,267	733	3,821,341	2,452	11,894,663	2,522	12,138,534
OCT	925	3,915,893	837	4,176,809	810	3,990,208	2,572	12,082,910	2,623	12,280,541
SEP	828	3,612,249	810	4,001,738	737	3,782,944	2,375	11,396,931	2,406	11,516,873
AUG	961	3,675,120	835	4,255,527	715	3,671,388	2,511	11,602,035	2,597	11,850,907
JUL	857	3,358,479	761	3,840,488	694	3,449,307	2,312	10,648,274	2,370	10,851,745
JUN	823	3,583,896	711	3,422,817	686	3,452,205	2,220	10,458,918	2,270	10,602,241
MAY	870	3,541,146	615	3,183,589	659	3,184,368	2,144	9,909,103	2,190	10,053,769
APR	878	3,484,315	595	3,200,561	654	3,380,777	2,127	10,065,653	2,170	10,222,725
MAR	688	2,986,047	650	3,489,122	609	3,050,382	1,947	9,525,551	2,003	9,746,345
FEB	585	2,639,436	629	3,487,115	464	2,553,904	1,678	8,680,455	1,710	8,818,534
JAN	821	3,735,370	764	3,991,826	659	3,466,655	2,244	11,193,851	2,306	11,386,955
TOTAL 1988	13,316	57,203,191	8,270	43,909,377	10,005	52,066,139	31,591	153,178,707	32,573	156,155,377
TOTAL 1987	16,228	65,536,830	7,821	41,444,961	11,356	54,476,602	35,405	161,458,393	36,302	164,175,463

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 26, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL '991	114	713,247	70	448,217	731	4,504,174	915	5,665,638
1991: APR	8	50,079	6	36,109	111	628,467	125	714,655
MAR	31	199,223	14	74,765	188	1,160,118	233	1,434,106
FEB	29	209,699	26	178,021	211	1,330,345	266	1,718,065
JAN	46	254,246	24	159,322	221	1,385,244	291	1,798,812
TOTAL 1990	610	4,116,761	533	3,647,189	3,536	20,508,748	4,679	28,272,698
1990: DEC	50	385,276	36	202,046	303	1,654,573	389	2,241,895
NOV	43	289,350	29	226,751	303	1,652,105	375	2,168,206
OCT	58	327,724	53	343,731	336	1,951,280	447	2,622,735
SEP	49	316,856	36	261,984	299	1,702,968	384	2,281,808
AUG	71	450,601	56	360,103	288	1,631,845	415	2,442,549
JUL	52	368,376	51	342,588	320	1,758,492	423	2,469,456
JUN	55	403,895	45	324,260	306	1,740,002	406	2,468,157
MAY	42	270,159	40	299,834	256	1,553,886	338	2,123,879
APR	57	384,317	50	334,310	279	1,762,846	386	2,481,473
MAR	48	342,515	44	313,761	254	1,472,314	346	2,128,590
FEB	36	239,534	42	302,316	235	1,484,059	313	2,025,909
JAN	49	338,158	51	335,505	357	2,144,378	457	2,818,041
TOTAL 1989	598	3,553,537	668	4,287,486	3,935	21,592,632	5,201	29,433,655
1989: DEC	48	304,600	60	371,693	376	2,048,315	484	2,724,608
NOV	49	287,229	59	344,344	372	2,139,497	480	2,771,070
OCT	37	214,835	52	306,243	394	2,148,280	483	2,669,358
SEP	71	410,790	56	314,837	354	1,972,945	481	2,698,572
AUG	56	285,285	60	432,135	324	1,875,195	440	2,592,615
JUL	50	301,847	51	356,373	321	1,871,477	422	2,529,697
JUN	44	250,093	59	366,785	322	1,652,787	425	2,269,665
MAY	40	266,642	48	323,046	318	1,626,411	406	2,216,099
APR	63	370,697	52	306,234	287	1,553,042	402	2,229,973
MAR	51	342,532	51	341,402	298	1,520,507	400	2,204,441
FEB	43	258,756	53	370,830	238	1,379,598	334	2,009,184
JAN	46	260,231	67	453,564	331	1,804,578	444	2,518,373
TOTAL 1988	810	4,918,346	695	4,695,770	4,747	26,891,197	6,252	36,505,313
TOTAL 1987	896	5,304,209	697	4,602,249	5,204	27,293,011	6,797	37,199,469

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING APRIL 1991

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	765	4,202,402	479	2,778,916	497	3,023,321	1,741	10,004,639	1,781	10,140,980
1991: APR	158	1,019,707	40	225,527	218	1,210,128	416	2,455,362	424	2,483,244
MAR	373	1,978,966	222	1,354,984	175	1,103,371	770	4,437,321	781	4,492,603
FEB	158	855,452	127	766,912	71	517,771	356	2,140,135	371	2,176,827
JAN	76	348,277	90	431,493	33	192,051	199	971,821	205	988,306
TOTAL 1990	217	668,579	125	585,578	118	705,370	460	1,959,527	486	2,001,476
1990: DEC	48	239,319	39	197,787	29	174,001	116	611,107	119	622,291
NOV	43	119,118	24	106,803	16	87,978	83	313,899	83	313,899
OCT	28	88,490	19	90,974	18	109,392	65	288,856	66	291,356
SEP	25	34,009	5	19,512	13	99,347	43	152,868	46	155,263
AUG	14	48,285	11	42,985	10	41,266	35	132,536	36	133,416
JUL	12	23,414	8	38,546	13	42,885	33	104,845	35	110,263
JUN	13	40,021	5	32,521	8	75,661	26	148,203	32	158,310
MAY	10	29,217	5	20,693	4	34,452	19	84,362	25	89,361
APR	18	36,400	2	5,398	1	990	21	42,788	23	45,289
MAR	4	5,176	0	0	3	22,044	7	27,220	9	29,185
FEB	1	590	3	15,020	2	2,379	6	17,989	6	17,989
JAN	1	4,540	4	15,339	1	14,975	6	34,854	6	34,854
TOTAL 1989	22	60,398	9	32,086	14	85,152	45	177,636	53	187,923
1989: DEC	3	18,665	1	10,130	1	1,612	5	30,407	5	30,407
NOV	4	4,819	3	12,027	1	4,200	8	21,046	9	21,371
OCT	6	7,975	0	0	2	2,350	8	10,325	8	10,325
SEP	3	13,925	1	3,900	3	10,278	7	28,103	7	28,103
AUG	4	5,460	2	1,993	4	35,976	10	43,429	10	43,429
JUL	0	0	0	0	1	3,077	1	3,077	2	3,673
JUN	0	0	1	1,070	1	9,634	2	10,704	8	20,070
MAY	1	5,309	1	2,966	0	0	2	8,275	2	8,275
APR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAR	1	4,245	0	0	0	0	1	4,245	1	4,245
FEB	0	0	0	0	1	18,025	1	18,025	1	18,025
JAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL 1988	6	19,199	0	0	4	11,320	10	30,519	12	32,232
YRS PRIOR TO 1988	27	51,870	3	25,089	11	30,895	41	107,854	50	113,159
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,037	5,002,448	616	3,421,669	644	3,856,058	2,297	12,280,175	2,382	12,475,770

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of April 26, 1991. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period March 30, 1991 through April 26, 1991. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.